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Why Should The NEGRO VOTE AT ALL NOW

"This is a white man's country; it has always been ruled by white men, and will always be so ruled." "Regard as an enemy to your race any white man who endeavors to procure your vote by promise of offices to colored men." "Realize that the hope of the colored race lies in the gospel of industry, honesty preached by Booker Washington, and not along political lines." (Applause.)

The above declaration was made by Mr. John H. Flood, one of the Fusion Republican speakers in his speech Thursday night in the grand fusion rally at the opera house, which formally opened the Republican campaign here for November 7th. This is a clear outline and an unmistakable exposition of the true attitude of the Fusion movement respecting Negro support in the coming election. It shows that the ticket represented by Mr. Flood is so high confident of success that it is utterly indifferent as to whether it shall receive the support of the Negro or not. This is a true specimen, evincing a covert adoption here, too, of the "Lily White" plan, which has proved so disastrous to the race politically elsewhere. At the time Mr. Flood spoke, the balcony and gallery were well filled with colored voters, usually referred to as the "better element" of Negroes, which means, of course, loyal subjects to the party, who do not know how to scratch a ticket, and, furthermore, do not care to learn—those who can stomach the most nauseating mess and smack their lips and say, "Gimme some mo', boss, it's good." However, Mr. Flood's utterances were received with a silence profound, his radical frankness threw a chill and darkness on the leading shouters that lingered long and far into the further proceedings of the evening.

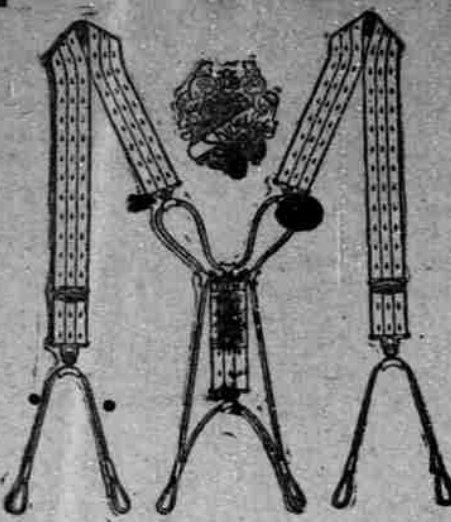
"Slow to learn, carries with it slow to forget." This is the one basis of hope concerning our people. Hence it behooves the messengers to hold the spell on them and never allow them to wake up. Mr. Flood being a new convert to the Republican fold, coming, as he did, from the Democrats, has evidently failed to imbibe the spirit of his new environment and adopt the methods of the old line Republicans, touching this very identical point, official recognition is patent to all. It is elusive, evasive, yet sufficient, for, forty years, the Negro vote has been lured along by a shrewd manipulation of this strategy, trustingly, hopefully, awaiting the development of time, when their patience should be rewarded and their fond hopes realized in official recognition at the hands of the Grand Old Party.

It is a significant fact that the Republicans received with open arms and gladly welcomed a few hundred Democratic suppliants and readily divided honors with them upon a ratio better than six to four, while the Negro, who is admitted to be the backbone of the party locally has been dealt with with utter indifference. (This article will be read by intelligent Negroes all over the country.) Now, can the intelligence among the Negroes here afford to go on record as countenancing the idea that the Negro here make any candidate or ticket a present of his two thousand votes without some assurance that the gift will be at least thankfully received and due recognition given in return, properly based upon the proportion of intelligence, wealth and common service for which the race stands? It remains to be seen.

The writer is free and not unduly hampered or biased to any political side. We assume to argue purely from the standpoint of the Negro. We are registered as an Independent, and expect to vote, if at all, accordingly; yet we are frank to confess that we are unable to see any inducement so far held out from either side to justify a waste of time necessary from needed employment for any colored voter to come out in open support of any candidate running for office in the coming election.

"This is a white man's country," eh? Yes, and this is a white man's fight for office. Let's stand by and look on, and see it well done just once, for luck. If either ticket have need of or desire the Negro vote, let that ticket ask for it. Then, and not until then, will the Negro vote be re-

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spect and respectable. The tactless and loose methods of dealing with the Negro voter has ever proved a betrayal of an exceedingly low estimate of his intelligence and manhood held by those who thus dealt with him. A seductive grin, a flattering compliment, a mere handshake are used of late to tickle the alleged "better element" of Negroes when there is an axe to grind. These practices and their responses long continued are being used to show how far the average member of the race is yet from possessing the necessary qualifications entitling him to the sacred rights and privileges of citizenship.

It is a pleasant truth that the Gospel of Industry, honestly preached by Dr. Booker T. Washington is all right, and has accomplished great results to the race; yet it is evident that the Negro's fall is politically is primarily due to his guiding advice given from trusted friends (the political buccanniers, car-pen-baggers, who came among them with pledges and promises that were never intended to be kept. He failed because he was ignorant of the power and use of his tool, for the right of franchise, properly manipulated, is the sure and entering wedge to every good thing within the gift of this great nation. With it, others have made their way without a foot of soil, up and up, against and through, similar discrimination, perhaps less intense, to points and positions of power and influence upon the hills. Yes, the right of franchise can not be estimated in silver or gold.

Locally, at this time a great opportunity confronts the Negro voters. It is a question—can they see it? Will they seize it? They can determine now and decide this coming election. They can also secure a promise of the recognition, to which, by their large vote, they are fairly entitled. Will they do it? Will they save themselves? This may be their last and only chance.

A few weeks ago we received an urgent call to come down in Tennessee to take charge of a Christian Industrial school that offered splendid inducements. This we had to let pass for various reasons. The vacancy, however, has been filled and the school has begun. Rev. C. C. Smith, of Cincinnati, General Secretary of Negro education of the Christian Church, made the selection of a man in Mississippi.

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MIGHT AS WELL

Well, the democrats "claim" that they wouldn't have the negro vote this year and the republicans "make like" they can do without it. Now, suppose we nominate a ticket of our own and vote a dummy through. The following suggestion stands good if nothing better can be found.

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Prof. Brown, Principal of Wayman Institute, Harrodsburg, Prof. Allen, Editor of the Southern Recorder, and Mr. Ira Bryant, Manager of the Sunday School Union, Nashville, Tenn., are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Ballard.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorell Taylor, of 447 Smith St., a fine boy Oct. 17. Mother and baby are doing well.

Dean W. T. Capers, at St. Paul Church Wednesday night in an effort to correct Rev. H. W. Jones of Pleasant Green, was forced to effect that ground in that he said to effect that Christian character made all people one, regardless of social distinction. Rev. Jones had emphasized race identity and race loyalty as more essential apparently than oneness in religious opinion.

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sermonies, who said that he considered it a fortunate thing that Dr. Capers could see an intelligent audience of colored people, educated men and women, because as he was a candidate for a member of the school board, he could readily be in position to help in the good work. Dr. Capers was full of inspiration to the colored people. He felt that there was a close relation between him and the colored ministry and that the late Bishop Capers, of the Methodist Church, because his address of the late Bishop Capers, among the first missionaries to be sent to the South. He counted himself happy to be able to extend a most hearty welcome from the Ministers' Union. "I am glad to be here to offer our loving help and loving sympathy to you and your brother ministers in the gospel of our Blessed Savior."

Dean Capers paid a high tribute to the ministry and to Christianity. "Which if properly in the hearts of men would do away with all race prejudice and hatred. He urged the ministers to be faithful to their charges, to their work, and concluded by saying, "The man who is not faithful to his church is a traitor to the cause of Christ."

NO SHOW FOR NEGRO IN "CINCY"

Cincinnati, Center of Western Abolition, Turns Back of Hand to the Freedmen and They Are Ostracised.

By Alfred H. Henderson.

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as it was in Cincinnati their brother, General Samuel P. Carey, rivaled Wendell Phillips in the bitterness and eloquence of his abolition addresses.

Cincinnati is the headquarters of the Freedmen's Aid Society, that has so long worked for the uplift of the Negro.

Cincinnati is to-day the home of Joseph Benson Foraker, thought by many the most intellectual man in the Republican party—the "Fire Alarm" Foraker, the Foraker who braved "Big Stick" Roosevelt in championing the Negro troops in the Brownsville, Texas, affair.

Lastly, Cincinnati is the home of William Howard Taft, President of the United States, the undoubted leader of the Republican party.

Surely, if anywhere within the confines of the country there is a place where one would expect to find least aversion between the white and black man it would be in Cincinnati, and yet the fact is that nowhere is antipathy between the two more pronounced.

I make this statement after more than twenty years of what I believe has been discerning observation in every section of the country. The facts to bear out the declaration are numerous and most significant.

One of the influential colored men in Cincinnati is W. P. Dabney. He is the editor of a paper known as The Union. Week after week he notes the repugnance existing between the two races in the publisher of June 3, 1911, Professor Dabney carried an article that detailed objection to colored people occupying property recently purchased beyond what the calls "narrow-mindedness." He says:

"Cincinnati is no exception to this rule. Our ancestors fought in all the wars, helped most materially in the development of the country, and now, as they strive to make themselves good and useful citizens, find their progress to prosperity barred by the malice, envy and jealousy of race prejudice, which ever towers mountain high, seeking to thrust them back as they strive to move onward and upward."

Quotations might be multiplied indefinitely to the same effect from this paper. But, take another Cincinnati colored paper, edited by an equally influential and able leader of his race, W. L. Anderson, the publisher of The Pilot. In the issue of August 4, 1911, he says:

"The Cincinnati base-ball management has imported two players from the island of Cuba. Before a contract was signed, however, which would make them permanent additions to the club, the players were compelled to submit pedigrees showing that they had no strain of colored blood sauntering around in their systems."

The Cincinnati Republican organization to hold the colored vote has done even a number of minor appointments, most of them little better than servile positions, like janitors and messengers, with occasionally an assistant clerkship, a court clerkship, and the like. At the same time it has almost uniformly nominated on its ticket for State Legislature a colored man. It is a matter of record in the board of elections that the colored ticket is elected the colored man is defeated. This has happened at both of the last elections for members of the Legislature, and the colored candidate ran behind. Republican politicians asked why they persist in nominating a colored man sure to be defeated, reply that while they lose one office out of a dozen they would lose the whole if they did not nominate a Negro.

With some few notable and honorable exceptions the attitude of Republican politicians in Cincinnati toward the Negro is purely selfish, to win the colored vote, it being conservatively estimated that there are fully 6,000 colored voters in Cincinnati. This figure, by the way, is about the normal Republican plurality in Cincinnati. "The black brigade saved us," exclaimed a Republican office holder when the returns showed in the municipal election of 1909 that the Republican candidate had won.

The Negro himself is becoming conscious of this selfish and scornful consideration of him by white Republican politicians, and in the Fourth ward, that includes much of Walnut Hills around the old Lane Seminary grounds, where there is a considerable Negro population, they have nominated by petition a Negro physician for the city council to run as an independent against the Republican and Democratic candidates. They claim that as they poll a large vote in this ward they are entitled to a Republican candidate occasionally, but have always been denied.

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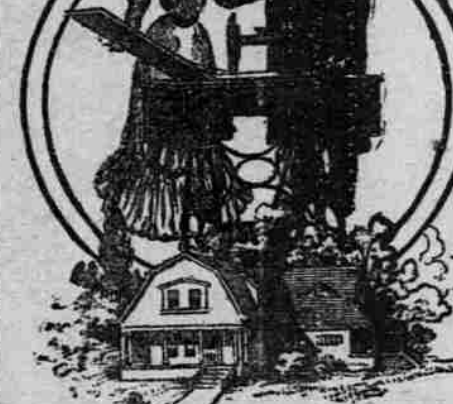
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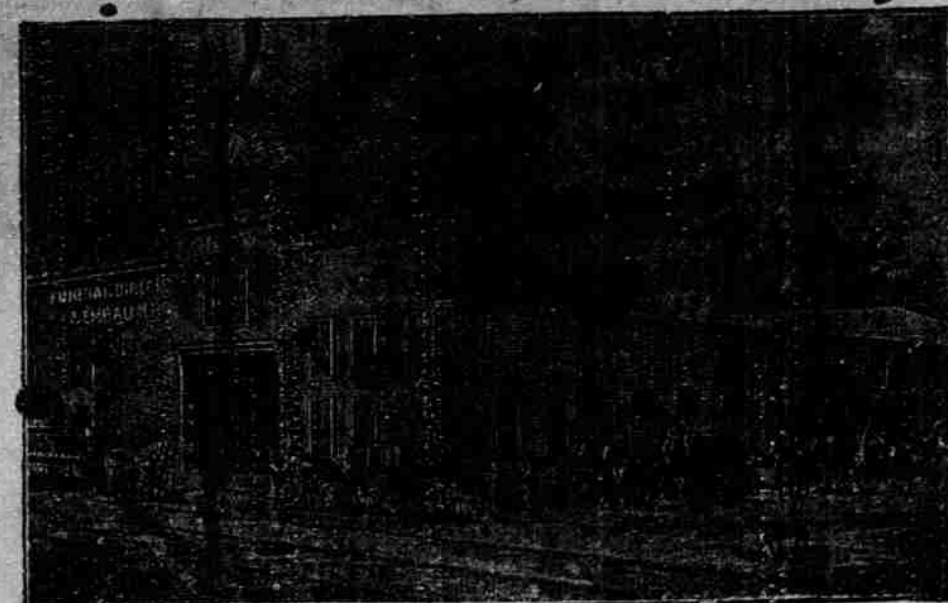
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